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Antonio Maria Lugo—A characteristic Californian, by H. D. Barrows.

JUNE MEETING.

Renegade Indians of San Gabriel, by F. J. Polley.

General John Mansfield, by H. D. Barrows.

Pioneer Life in California, by F. D. Shaw.

Patriarchial Age of the Mission, by F. D. Shaw.

OCTOBER MEETING.

The Value of a Historical Society, by Mrs. M Burton Williamson.

Historic Houses of Los Angeles, by J. M. Guinn.

NOVEMBER MEETING.

A Defense of the Missionary Establishments of Alta California, by
ev. J. Adam.

Governor Gaspar de Portolà, by H. D. Barrows.

DECEMBER MEETING.

The Foundering of the Steamer Central America, by H. D. Barrows.

CURATOR'S REPORT.

1896.

LIBRARY AND COLLECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

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| Whole number of bound volumes..... | 812 |
| Number of pamphlets and paper covered books..... | 3675 |
| Number of daily newspapers received and filed for binding | 5 |
| Number of weekly newspapers..... | 15 |
| Number of monthly magazines..... | 5 |
| Number of quarterlies..... | 6 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. GUINN, Curator.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the officers and members of the Historical Society of Southern California.

Your Secretary reports as follows:

Number of meetings held..... 8

Number of papers read..... 18

For nearly twelve years the Society has held its meetings in the City Court room—Old City Hall, west Second street. The city sold the building the early part of the present year. The last meeting of the Society held there was in April. The experiment of holding meetings at private

residences was begun by holding the February meeting at the residence of Mrs. Jeanne C. Carr, Kensington Place, Pasadena. The attendance was quite large and considerable interest was manifested in historical work. The May meeting was also held at the residence of Mrs. Carr. The June meeting was held at the residence of the Secretary, 115 South Grand Avenue. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The Society adjourned to September. At the time for the September meeting the Secretary was absent in Minnesota and no meeting was held. The October meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Margaret Hughes, St. James Park. There was a good attendance of interested visitors.

The November meeting was held at the parochial residence of Bishop Montgomery, 118 East Second Street. The attendance was good and considerable interest manifested in the work of the Society. The annual meeting was held in the Occidental College Hall, 614 South Hill street. Thus it will be seen that the Society has not stood still so far as a place of meeting is concerned. It greatly needs a permanent place of meeting. While the holding of its meetings in different localities may arouse a transitory interest, it is very evident from the experience of the present year that continued changing of meeting places will not add to the permanent growth of the Society.

The Society has made some advancement in the collection of historical material. In addition to the newspapers, magazines and quarterlies received and filed for binding, it has enlarged its list of exchanges with other historical societies.

Among the valuable manuscript collections received this year is the "Narrative of a California Volunteer." This is a bound manuscript volume of 138 pages, foolscap size in the form of a diary. It was written by Walter Murray, late Judge of the Judicial District of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. He died at San Luis Obispo in 1875.

He came to the coast as a member of Col. Stevenson's regiment of New York Volunteers. His company was stationed for a short time at Santa Barbara and from there was sent to Lower California where it saw considerable hard service, and took part in several engagements. His diary gives a very full account of the voyage of the *Loo Choo*, the vessel on which his company sailed from New York around Cape Horn to California; also a description of the customs of the California people, and an account of the company's military service on the peninsula. The diary was obtained for the Society by Prof. Le Roy D. Brown of San Luis Obispo from the Judge's daughter, Miss Frances Murray; to both of whom the Society returns its sincere thanks.

Mr. H. D. Barrows presented to the society a manuscript copy of Col. Warner's reminiscences of early days in California. In the present

issue are printed some extracts from the unpublished papers of B. D. Wilson, which contain original historical matter. We have received through Mr. H. D. Barrows an enlarged photograph framed, of Dr. Wm. B. Osburn, the first Postmaster of Los Angeles, and the first Superintendent of the city schools, (appointed in June 1855.) P. W. Dooner, Esq., donated to the Society a large photograph of the pioneer locomotive of Southern California. It was named "San Gabriel" and was landed at Wilmington, December, 1868, and used on the Los Angeles and San Pedro Railroad.

Notwithstanding the financial depression that has borne so heavily upon all institutions supported by voluntary contributions, our Society has made commendable progress during the year, and has promptly met all its financial obligations. The value of our Society as a conservatory of local historical and statistical information is becoming recognized more and more each year. This is evident from the increased number of letters of inquiry for information and data received by the Secretary. Such inquiries are cheerfully answered, although to give satisfactory answers sometimes requires a considerable expenditure of time and labor on the part of the Secretary. The demand for our publications from Eastern historical societies, from public and college libraries and from private individuals has exhausted the supply of our earlier publications. We can not supply any of our previous issues to 1891.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. GUINN, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

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| Balance on hand received from last Treasurer..... | \$ 59 80 |
| Received membership fees.. | 8 00 |
| Received membership dues... .. | 97 30—165 10 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Paid for printing Annual, 1895..... | \$ 64 00 |
| " " " Letter heads. | 3 00 |
| " " postage and express etc. | 11 65 |
| " rent of room for annual meeting..... | 1 00 |
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Respectfully submitted,
E. BAXTER, Treasurer.